



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

November 18, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Mr. Rohn Webbre
Hilcorp
P.O. Box 61229
Houston, TX 77208

RE: Clean Water Act, Section 308 Information Request
Oil Spill in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana on or about August 7, 2002
NRC Report No: 619169

Dear Mr. Webbre:

Pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. Section 1318 et seq., the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the authority to request information pertinent to carrying out its responsibilities under the CWA. Accordingly, this Information Request is hereby served on you and Hilcorp.

Compliance with the provisions of this letter is mandatory. Your responses to the questions are to be submitted to EPA and postmarked within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. The response must be signed by a duly authorized official of Hilcorp. The information will be considered in the evaluation of the extent of your compliance with the federal regulations governing the discharge, or threat of discharge, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into navigable waters of the United States.

Failure to respond fully and truthfully to the Information Request, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, will be considered a violation of Section 309 of the CWA, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, which can result in enforcement action by EPA. Section 309 of the CWA permits EPA to seek the imposition of civil and criminal penalties for failure to submit information requested under Section 308 of the CWA, including issuance of an Administrative Penalty Order or referral to the United States Department of Justice for judicial action with monetary fines. Please be further advised that providing false, misleading, or fraudulent statements or representations, may subject you to criminal penalties under Section 309 of the CWA.

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This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, of 1980, as amended, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et. seq., as described in 5 CFR Part 1320.3(c).

You are hereby requested to provide the following information regarding the oil spill which occurred on or about August 7, 2002 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana:

1. A report regarding the spill of crude oil into a water body which occurred on or about August 7, 2002. (If the name of the water body is not available, use the best description available.)
2. The amount of product spilled (in either barrels or gallons).
3. Duration of the spill event. Report the time and date the spill began, how long the product remained in the watercourse, as well as on the shoreline or banks and when the cleanup operations were considered complete and all product removed from waters of the United States and adjoining shoreline.
4. The cause of the spill.
5. Name of the immediate receiving ditch, creek, stream, river, lake, arroyo, swale, etc. if known.
 - A. Also include the names of all downstream receiving waters that the spill affected.
 - B. Additionally, list all downstream receiving water bodies to the first major river or lake, regardless of whether or not the spill affected the water bodies.
6. Site location map.
7. Drawing of the site showing locations of the facilities.
8. Sketch of the spill site showing extent of the spill.
9. Photographs of the spill and the spill site both before and after cleanup.

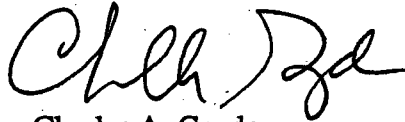
In some instances, information requested by EPA may be considered confidential business information (CBI) by the provider of that information. Should any of the information requested by EPA as part of this request for information be considered CBI material by Hilcorp, you must assert that claim as part of your reply. The final determination regarding this material will be made by EPA per the regulations found in 40 CFR Part 2.204.

Please mail your response to the following address:

Mr. Roberto Bernier
Superfund Division (6SF-RP)
U. S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

If you have any questions relating to this Information Request, please contact Mr. Roberto Bernier at (214) 665-8376.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chh Gazda".

Charles A. Gazda
Chief, Response & Prevention Branch
Superfund Division



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To: spillreports.r6@epamail.epa.gov
cc:
Subject: NRC#619169

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DO NOT RELEASE this information to the public without
permission from the NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

Incident Report # 619169

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by: CIV JONES at 08:34 on 07-AUG-02
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ORANGE BARREL CANAL
The incident occurred on 07-AUG-02 at 07:25 local time.
Affected Medium: WATER ORANGE BARREL CANAL

REPORTING PARTY

Name: ROHN WEBBRE
Organization: HILCORP
Address: POB 61229
HOUSTON, TX 77208
HILCORP called for the responsible party.
PRIMARY Phone: (985)3853886
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: ROHN WEBBRE
Organization: HILCORP
Address: POB 61229
HOUSTON, TX 77208
PRIMARY Phone: (985)3853886
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

County: ST. MARTIN
City: PATTERSON State: LA
Latitude: 29 Degrees 47' 22" N
Longitude: 91 Degrees 19' 27" W
DUCK LAKE FIELD / ACHAFALAYA BASIN

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: OIL Official Material Name: OIL: CRUDE
Also Known As:
Qty Released: 8 BARREL(S) Qty in Water: 8 BARREL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

THE CALLER STATED THAT A HEAT TREATER LEAKED AT BATTERY NO. 2

INCIDENT DETAILS

Building ID:
Type of Fixed Object: OTHER
Power Generating Facility: NO
Generating Capacity:
Type of Fuel:

NPDES:

NPDES Compliance: UNKNOWN

---SHEEN INFORMATION---

Sheen Color: DARK BROWN

Sheen Odor Description:

Sheen Travel Direction:

Sheen Size Length: 40 YARDS

Sheen Size Width:

---WATER INFORMATION---

Body of Water: ORANGE BARREL CANAL

Tributary of: BOUTTE BAYOU

Nearest River Mile Marker:

Water Supply Contaminated: NO

DAMAGES

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger:

FATALITIES: Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:

EVACUATIONS: Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages:

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours Closed	Direction of Closure
Air:	N		
Road:	N		Major N Artery:
Waterway:	N		
Track:	N		

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material: NO

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

THE WELL WAS SHUT IN / BOOM DEPLOYED

Release Secured: YES

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local: STATE POLICE

State/Local On Scene:

State Agency Number: 02-05158

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U.S. EPA VI

(214)6656428

FBI LOUISIANA ATTN: EKKO BARNHILL

(504)8163079

07-AUG-02 08:39

LA DEPT OF ENV QUAL

(225)3421234

07-AUG-02 08:39

LA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNES

(225)9257500

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LA OFFICE OF GOV ATTN ROLAND GUIDR

(225)2195800

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LA OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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TYPE OF ACTION:

Clean Water Act, Section 308 Info. Request

Hilcorp
St. Martin Parish, Louisiana
NRC No. 619169

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~~Roberto Bernier~~

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James L. Graham

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Robert F. Jones

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1. Article Addressed to:

Mr. Rohn Webbre
Hilcorp
P.O. Box 61229
Houston, TX 77208

2. Article Number

(Transfer from service label)

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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**A. Signature**

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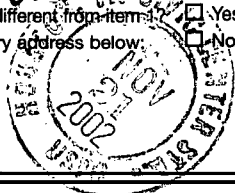
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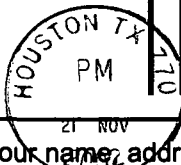
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U.S. EPA (6SF-RO)
1445 ROSS AVENUE
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